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Summary of Educational Benefits Under the Post-Vietnam Era Veterans' Educational Assistance Program

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THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION provides a program of financial assistance for the education and training of eligible participants under VEAP, the Post-Vietnam Era Veterans' Educational Assistance Program (Chapter 32, Title 38, United States Code). The program is designed to encourage self-improvement and offers financial help to such participants in raising their educational level.

Hundreds of schools across the nation have been approved to make available a wide variety of courses and programs to meet the goals and needs of the individual participant.

Information in this pamphlet may be of help to you in making a decision to return to school. We suggest that you read it carefully to understand fully the range of benefits and assistance available.

For more detailed information or assistance, get in touch with your nearest VA regional office, local service officer, or veterans organization representative.

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE?

VETERAN: As a veteran, you may be eligible for the educational benefits described in this pamphlet if you meet the following conditions:

- You entered active military service after December 31, 1976.

- You contributed money to VEAP while on active duty. You must have enrolled in and contributed to VEAP before July 1, 1985.

- You served for a continuous period of 181 days or more. (If you had less than 181 days of service, you may be eligible if you were discharged from active duty because of a service-connected disability.)

- If you were an enlistee who enlisted for the first time after September 7, 1980, or, if you were an officer or enlistee who entered on active duty after October 16, 1981, you must have completed either 24 continuous months of active duty or the full period for which you were called or ordered to active duty, whichever is less. This requirement does not apply if you:

- were discharged or released from active duty under an early-out discharge (10 U.S.C. 1171, hardship

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discharge (10 U.S.C. 1173), or for disability incurred in or aggravated in line of duty; or

- have a compensable service-connected disability; or

- entered on active duty after October 16, 1981, and had previously completed a continuous period of active duty of at least 24 months or had been discharged or released from that period of service under an early-out discharge (10 U.S.C. 1171).

● You were discharged or released from service under conditions other than dishonorable.

SERVICEPERSON: While still on active duty, you may be eligible for the educational benefits described in this pamphlet if you meet the following conditions:

● You entered active military service after December 31, 1976.

● You have contributed money to VEAP, and you have at least 3 months of contributions available. (For an elementary or high school program, you must have at least 1 month's contribution available.) You must also have enrolled in and contributed to VEAP before July 1, 1985.

● You have served for a continuous period of 181 days or more.

● You have completed your first obligated period of active duty or 6 years, whichever is less. (For an elementary or high school program, you must be in the last 6 months of your first enlistment or later.)

NOTE: For more information on participating in the program while on active duty, contact your Education Services Officer.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS: You may not be eligible

for benefits under this program if you are eligible or have ever been eligible under noncontributory GI Bill for the Vietnam era (Chapter 34, Title 38, United States Code). Eligibility to noncontributory GI Bill benefits may exist if you served a period of active duty beginning before January 1, 1977, or, if you contracted with the Armed Forces and were enlisted in or assigned to a reserve component before January 1, 1977, under a delayed entry program (such as the Delayed Enlistment Program) and began active service before January 2, 1978.

The required active military service does not include any of the following periods: Time assigned by the Armed Forces to a civilian institution for a course substantially the same as a course offered to civilians; time served as a cadet or midshipman at a service academy; time served on active duty for training in an enlistment in the Army or Air National Guard or the Reserves.

HOW LONG WILL YOU BE ELIGIBLE?

Eligibility under this program extends until 10 years from the date of your last discharge or release from active duty.

WHAT SCHOOLS MAY YOU ATTEND?

Practically all elementary schools, junior high schools, high schools, vocational or technical schools, business colleges, colleges and universities. Eligible participants may also be paid benefits for correspondence courses. Benefits are not payable for the following: apprenticeships, on-the-job-training, cooperative courses, farm cooperatives, and flight training.

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR PART-TIME SCHOOLING?

Yes. If you are unable to follow a full-time course of instruction, you may want to consider the advantages of part-time schooling. Less than full-time schooling will extend your entitlement over a longer period. For example, if you enroll in a course recognized by the VA as half-time and receive benefits for 12 months, your entitlement will be reduced by only 6 months. Educational assistance allowance payments, however, are less than those for full-time instruction.

HOW MUCH EDUCATIONAL ALLOWANCE WILL YOU GET?

You are entitled to the same number of monthly payments for full-time training as the number of months you contributed. However, if you have contributed for more than 36 months, your benefits will be paid in 36 monthly payments (or the equivalent for part-time training).

If you made a lump-sum contribution to VEAP, it is broken down and credited to your account as monthly contributions.

Your total dollar amount of entitlement to benefits equals the sum of the following:

- Your total contributions.
- Matching funds (equal to twice your contributions).
- Additional contributions ("kicker"), if any, by the Department of Defense.

INSTITUTIONAL TRAINING: The monthly rate of benefits will vary among individuals depending upon the amount and number of contributions. The sum of all contributions shown above is divided by the number of months you contributed (or by 36, whichever is less) to determine the monthly rate at which you will be paid for full-time schooling. For example, if you contributed $50 monthly for 36 months, your total entitlement is computed as follows:

$1,800	— Your contributions
3,600	— Matching funds (twice your contributions)
+ 0	— DOD contributions ("kicker")
$5,400	TOTAL ENTITLEMENT

Your full-time monthly rate is computed as follows:

$5,400	— total entitlement
÷ 36	— months contributed
= $150	FULL-TIME MONTHLY RATE

You will receive 36 payments of $150 for full-time schooling (or the equivalent for part-time schooling) for a total of $5,400 in educational benefits. Your rate for ¾-time schooling is $112.50, for ½-time schooling is $75.00, and for ¼-time schooling is $37.50.

CORRESPONDENCE TRAINING: You can be reimbursed for the entire established charges you are required to pay for a correspondence course. However, you cannot be paid more than the sum of the contributions as described above (i.e., your total entitlement).

LIMITATION ON ENTITLEMENT: If you have entitlement under VEAP and one or more other programs administered by the VA, such as Vocational Rehabilitation (ch. 31) and Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance Program (ch. 35), the maximum combined entitlement you may receive is 48 months.

WHAT SPECIAL PROVISION APPLIES TO HIGH SCHOOL STUDIES?

If you are a current or former enlisted person and have not completed your elementary or high school education, you may receive benefits to cover the cost of tuition and fees for elementary or high school courses without charge to your total entitlement. However, you may elect to receive the monthly rate of benefits based upon the sum of all contributions for you (your contributions; matching funds equal to twice your contributions; and additional contributions ("kicker") if any, by the DOD) with appropriate charge to your entitlement.

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE AN ADVANCE PAYMENT?

You may receive an advance payment for the initial month or partial month of your training plus the following month if:

- You enroll in a school course on at least a half-time basis.

- Your school agrees to receive and proces the advance payment.

- You request advance payment in writing.

- Your enrollment certification is received in the VA at least 30 days in advance of registration.

Advance payment checks are mailed to the school for delivery to you upon registration, but no earlier than 30 days before classes begin. To request an advance payment, contact the school you will attend to see if they will process it. Your request for an advance payment must be entered on VA Form 22-1999, Enrollment Certification, or on a separate sheet of paper attached to the enrollment certification.

CAN YOU CHANGE PROGRAMS?

You are permitted one optional change of program, provided your progress and conduct in your previous training were satisfactory. A second change of program may be approved by the VA if the program is found to be suitable to your interests, aptitudes and abilities. Additional changes of program, beyond the second change, will be considered only if you present acceptable evidence to establish the additional change is required because of circumstances beyond your control.

WHAT MUST YOU DO TO QUALIFY?

Once you have selected a school offering the instruction needed to reach your vocational or educational objective, two important steps must be taken:

FIRST, make sure that the school you plan to attend has been approved to offer courses to veterans. If you are not clear on this point, the VA will inform either you or the school regarding qualifying requirements.

SECOND, complete an application for benefits (VA Form 22-1990, Application for Education Benefits) and file it with your nearest VA regional office. If you are no longer in service, attach copy 4 of your DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge From Active Duty. If you do not have copy 4, submit any other available copy of your DD Form 214. If you are already enrolled in school or wish to request an advance payment, take your application to the school and have them send both the application and certification of your enrollment (VA Form 22-1999) to the nearest VA regional office for processing.

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR VOCATIONAL REHABILITATON BENEFITS?

If you have a service-connected disability of 10 percent or more, you may be entitled to vocational rehabilitation under Chapter 31, Title 38, United States Code, which usually provides more favorable benefits. Use VA Form 28-1900, Disabled Veterans Application for Vocational Rehabilitation, to apply.

ARE COUNSELING SERVICES AVAILABLE?

The VA will make available to you, upon your request, vocational or educational counseling and testing to aid you in planning:

- An educational or training objective at an educational institution or training establishment appropriate for the attainment of your objective, and/or

- An employment objective likely to provide you with satisfactory employment opportunities.

WHERE TO GO FOR HELP

For applications and further information the following offices or representatives will be glad to assist you:

- Any VA regional office.

- Any VA office or USVAC (United States Veterans Assistance Center).

- Local representatives of veterans organizations.

- American Embassy or Consulate if you reside in a foreign country (except the Republic of the Philippines).

- You Education Services Officer, if you are on active duty.

Consult your local telephone directory under United States Government, Veterans Administration, for the number to call to reach a VA representative. Toll-free telephone service is available in all 50 States.

VA Regional Office Address List

ALABAMA
VA Regional Office
474 South Court Street
Montgomery, AL 36104

ALASKA
VA Regional Office
235 East 8th Avenue
Anchorage, AK 99501

ARIZONA
VA Regional Office
3225 North Central Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85012

ARKANSAS
VA Regional Office
1200 WEST 3d Street
Little Rock, AR 72201

CALIFORNIA
VA Regional Office
Federal Building
11000 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90024

VA Regional Office
2022 Camino Del Rio North
San Diego, CA 92108

VA Regional Office
211 Main Street
San Francisco, CA 94105

COLORADO
VA Regional Office
Denver Federal Center
P.O. Box 25126
Denver, CO 80225

CONNECTICUT
VA Regional Office
450 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06103

DELAWARE
VA Medical and Regional Office Center
1601 Kirkwood Highway
Wilmington, DE 19805

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
VA Regional Office
941 North Capitol Street, NE
Washington, D.C. 20421

FLORIDA
VA Regional Office
144 First Avenue, South
P.O. Box 1437
St. Petersburg, FL 33731

GEORGIA
VA Regional Office
730 Peachtree Street, NE
Atlanta, GA 30365

HAWAII
VA Regional Office
PJKK Federal Building
300 Ala Moana Boulevard
P.O. Box 50188
Honolulu, HI 96850

IDAHO
VA Regional Office
Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse
550 West Fort Street
Box 044
Boise, ID 83724

ILLINOIS
VA Regional Office
536 S. Clark Street
P.O. Box 8136
Chicago, IL 60680

INDIANA
VA Regional Office
575 North Pennsylvania Street
Indianapolis, IN 46204

IOWA
VA Regional Office
210 Walnut Street
Des Moines, IA 50309

KANSAS
VA Medical and Regional Office Center
901 George Washington Boulevard
Wichita, KS 67211

KENTUCKY
VA Regional Office
600 Federal Place
Louisville, KY 40202

LOUISIANA
VA Regional Office
701 Loyola Avenue
New Orleans, LA 70113

MAINE
VA Medical and Regional Office Center
Togus, ME 04330

MARYLAND
VA Regional Office
Federal Building
31 Hopkins Plaza
Baltimore, MD 21201

MASSACHUSETTS
VA Regional Office
John F. Kennedy Building
Government Center
Boston, MA 02203

MICHIGAN
VA Regional Office
Patrick V. McNamara Federal Bldg.
477 Michigan Avenue
Detroit, MI 48226

MINNESOTA
VA Regional Office and Insurance Center
Bishop Henry Whipple Federal Bldg.
Fort Snelling
St. Paul, MN 55111

MISSISSIPPI
VA Regional Office
100 W. Capitol Street
Jackson, MS 39269

MISSOURI
VA Regional Office
Federal Building
1520 Market Street
St. Louis, MO 63103

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VA Medical and Regional Office Center
Fort Harrison, MT 59636

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VA Regional Office
Federal Building
100 Centennial Mall North
Lincoln, NE 68508

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245 East Liberty Street
Reno, NV 89520

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Norris Cotton Federal Building
275 Chestnut Street
Manchester, NH 03101

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VA Regional Office
20 Washington Place
Newark, NJ 07102

NEW MEXICO
VA Regional Office
Dennis Chavez Federal Building, U.S. Courthouse
500 Gold Avenue, SW
Albuquerque, NM 87102

NEW YORK
VA Regional Office
Federal Building
111 West Huron Street
Buffalo, NY 14202

VA Regional Office
252 Seventh Avenue at 24th St.
New York, NY 10001

NORTH CAROLINA
VA Regional Office
Federal Building
251 North Main Street
Winston-Salem, NC 27155

NORTH DAKOTA
VA Medical and Regional Office Center
655 First Avenue North
Fargo, ND 58102

OHIO
VA Regional Office
Anthony J. Celebrezze Federal Bldg.
1240 East Ninth Street
Cleveland, OH 44199

OKLAHOMA
VA Regional Office
Federal Building
125 S. Main Street
Muskogee, OK 74401

OREGON
VA Regional Office
Federal Building
1220 Southwest 3rd Avenue
Portland, OR 97204

PENNSYLVANIA
VA Regional Office and
Insurance Center
5000 Wissahickon Avenue
P.O. Box 8079
Philadelphia, PA 19101

VA Regional Office
1000 Liberty Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15222

PHILIPPINES
U.S. Veterans Administration
APO
San Francisco, CA 96528
NOTE: The geographic location of the office is 1131 Roxas Blvd. Manila

PUERTO RICO
VA Medical and Regional Office
Center
GPO, Box 4867
San Juan, PR 00936

RHODE ISLAND
VA Regional Office
380 Westminster Mall
Providence, RI 02903

SOUTH CAROLINA
VA Regional Office
1801 Assembly Street
Columbia, SC 29201

SOUTH DAKOTA
VA Medical and Regional Office
Center
2501 West 22d Street
P.O. Box 5046
Sioux Falls, SD 57117

TENNESSEE
VA Regional Office
110 Ninth Avenue, South
Nashville, TN 37203

TEXAS
VA Regional Office
2515 Murworth Drive
Houston, TX 77054

VA Regional Office
1400 North Valley Mills Drive
Waco, TX 76799

UTAH
VA Regional Office
Federal Building
25 South State Street
P.O. Box 11500
Salt Lake City, UT 84147

VERMONT
VA Medical and Regional Office
Center
White River Junction, VT 05001

VIRGINIA
VA Regional Office
210 Franklin Road, SW
Roanoke, VA 24011

WASHINGTON
VA Regional Office
Federal Building
915 Second Avenue
Seattle, WA 98174

WEST VIRGINIA
VA Regional Office
640 4th Avenue
Huntington, WV 25704

WISCONSIN
VA Regional Office
VA Center
P.O. Box 6
Wood, WI 53193

WYOMING
VA Medical and Regional Office
Center
2360 East Pershing Blvd.
Cheyenne, WY 82001

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